

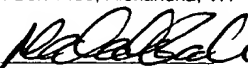
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the outstanding official action of December 15, 2003.

**Amendments to the Specification:** there are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.